

### REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed September 21, 2006. It is noted that the prosecution on the merits is closed. In the amendment, formal drawings are submitted to replace the drawings originally filed with the application. Additionally, claim 18 (to be renumbered as claim 16) is amended to correct an inadvertent error. This amendment was discussed with Examiner Sain during a telephone conference on October 26, 2006.

The Examiner's statements of reasons for allowance are hereby acknowledged by Applicant. Applicant agrees that claimed subject matter is patentably distinct from the documents cited by the Examiner; however, Applicant takes no position regarding the reasons for allowance presented by the Examiner, other than positions Applicant may have previously taken during prosecution of the above-referenced patent application. Therefore, the Examiner's reasons for allowance should not be attributed to Applicant as an indication of the basis for Applicants' belief that claims are patentably distinct. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that there may also be additional reasons for patentability of claimed subject matter not explicitly stated in this record. While in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.104(e), a failure by the Applicant to disagree with the Examiner, or file more detailed comments, does not give rise to any implication that the Applicant agrees with or acquiesce in the reasoning of the Examiner, here, by this document, Applicant is expressly making clear that no such agreement or acquiesce is present.

### Conclusion

In view of the amendments and the remarks above, Applicant submits that this application is still in condition for allowance. Entry of this amendment, reconsideration, and allowance are respectfully solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that

the Examiner telephone R. Alan Burnett at (425) 417-4729 or (425) 562-0923 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Formal Drawing Sheets (7)

## AMENDMENT

### In the Drawings

Please replace original drawing sheets 1-7 with the replacement drawings sheets 1-7 attached hereto.